State Conservation Commission
September 21, 2026
Cedar Shores Resort
1500 Shoreline Dr, Oacoma

Call to Order: Chairman Doug Hansen called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM CDT.

Roll Call of Members Present: Tom Glover, Bruce Haines, Gene Williams, Charlie Moe, Dean Odden, Duane Schneider, Greg Josten, Jason Preble, and Doug Hansen.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Bill Smith (DANR), Alex Roeber (DANR), Jordan Turgeon (DANR), Paul Lorenzen (DANR), Angela Ehlers (SDACD), MaryBeth Fravel (Stanley Conservation District), Ryan Wendinger (GFP), Fred Butzke (McCook Conservation District), Amy Sis (Grant Conservation District), Yvette Kirkman (Butte, Lawrence, and Elk Creek conservation districts), Jeremy Sora (NRCS), Dustin Jewett (NRCS), Nicole Poitra (NACD), Lorne Aadland (Marshall Conservation District), Jean Fagerland (Marshall Conservation District), Finn Hanson (Gregory Conservation District), Josh Wagner (Day Conservation District), Hannah Peterson (Sanborn Conservation District), Julie Kelly (Mellette and Todd conservation districts), Jody Hauge (Aurora Conservation District), Paula Holley (Jackson County Conservation District), Mitch Norman (Stanley Conservation District), Chuck Anderson (Perkins Conservation District), Mark Morlock (McPherson Conservation District), Calvin Thompson (Roberts Conservation District), Karl Jensen (Lawrence Conservation District), Bobbi Zimmerman (Bon Homme Conservation District), Ross Hudson (Bon Homme Conservation District), Stacey Frank (Bon Homme Conservation District), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Gordon Heber (Minnehaha Conservation District), Clay Abrahamson (Kingsbury Conservation District), Chuck Pyle (USFWS), Cliff Conroy (Butte Conservation District), Kyle Reeves (Clark Conservation District), Kristin Voller (Perkins Conservation District), Mike Baldwin (Custer Conservation District), Bryan Kludt (Hutchinson Conservation District), Jake Stewart (Hand Conservation District), John Parker (Minnehaha Conservation District), Mike Langner (Minnehaha Conservation District), and Gerald Aberle (Deuel Conservation District).

Others present via Conference line: Dave Bartlett (DANR) and April Reiter (DANR)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None.

Approval of the April minutes: A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve the April minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Past & Upcoming Travel: Bill Smith provided an overview of meetings of possible interest to the conservation commission.

A motion was made by Duane Schneider and seconded to approve Bruce Haines' travel to the NREC meeting in August. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-abstained, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Request for new business to be placed on the agenda: Angela Ehlers requested time to present SDACD's Conservation Legacy Through Achievement Award.

Correspondence: None.

Revolving Loan Report: Jordan Turgeon provided the revolving loan report.

Grant Program: Alex Roeber provided information regarding the grants program.

Grant Extensions/Amendments: A motion was made by Charlie Moe and seconded to approve Bennett Conservation District's request for a one-year extension to grant 2026-CSW-004 Bennett/Badlands tree planting. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Gene Williams and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District request to use NRCS 90% HU rate of $53.78 at a 50% cost-share on fabricated windbreaks, for a one time use on one

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landowner for grant 2026-CSW-038 Multi-practices. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-nay, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to approve Mellette Conservation District's request to provide 50% cost-share for four portable water tanks for grant 2026-CSW-038 Multi-practices with an added stipulation which the landowner must keep the tanks for at least five years. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-abstain, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

Annual Review of the State Open Meeting Laws: Bill Smith provided an overview of what was required for the Commission to comply with SB 74A and HB 1059B from the 2025 State Legislative Session. **A motion was made by Bruce Haines and seconded to certify that the State Conservation Commission reviewed the guide "Conducting the Public's Business in Public" prepared by the South Dakota Attorney General's Office that was revised in July 2026**. Roll call vote: Tom Glover-aye, Bruce Haines-aye, Gene Williams-aye, Charlie Moe-aye, Dean Odden-aye, Duane Schneider-aye, Greg Josten-aye, Jason Preble-aye, and Doug Hansen-aye. **Motion carried.**

2027 Cost-Share Docket: Jordan Turgeon informed the Commission that DANR sent out a memo to all conservation districts, notifying them to submit proposals for changes to the 2027 Cost-Share Docket.

Division Report: Jordan Turgeon updated the Commission on division activities.

Commission Member Reports: None.

Advisory Board Member Report: Chuck Pyle (USFWS), Tony Sunseri (NRCS), Josh Wagner (SDACDE) updated the Commission on their groups' activities.

Open Forum and Public Comments: No request for public comments were received.

New Business: Angela Ehlers (SDACD) presented Commissioner Gene Williams with SDACD's Conservation Legacy Through Achievement Award.

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Location and Date of the Next Meeting: TBD.

Ending Remarks: None.

Chairman Hansen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM CDT.

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